IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING OF SIX FEET IN COURT FACILITIES IN MARICOPA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2021-112

(AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS NO. 2021-103, 2021-104, & 2021-105)

Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2021-109 allows the presiding superior court judge of a county discretion to modify that county's judicial branch health emergency order to address the use of social distancing and other measures for that county. In Superior Court Administrative Orders No. 2021-103, 2021-104, and 2021-105, restrictions on physical access to court facilities in Maricopa County were lifted for the Superior Court, Justice Courts and Municipal Courts effective July 19, 2021. These three administrative orders maintained the social distancing requirements of remaining six feet apart, but ordered that effective August 2, 2021, social distancing requirements would be reduced to three feet apart.

There has been a significant increase in the rate of new cases of Covid-19 throughout the country, due largely to the more contagious Delta variant of the virus. In light of the increase in cases and updated safety guidance from the Center for Disease Control,

IT IS ORDERED that Administrative Orders No. 2021-103, 2021-104, and 2021-105 are amended to maintain social distancing requirements of six feet throughout Maricopa County court facilities until further order of this Court.

Dated this <u>28th</u> day of July, 2021.

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

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